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Photo by Mark Arike

Sled guide Kristina Young puts a harness on a sled dog. It was Young's second day on the job at the Haliburton Forest. See page 10 for story.

Drawn to medicine, drawn to the Highlands

By Lisa Harrison
 Contributing Writer

Dr. Judy Suke considered a career outside medicine so the family would have other things to talk about, but her desire to enter the field won out.

Suke began her practice with the Family Health Team (FHT) in Haliburton on September 30. Three months in, she now

has about 520 patients, most of whom were formerly part of Dr. Robert Heyes's large practice.

"I have a lot of medical professionals in my family, so I went through an evolution of trying to convince myself to do something different to spice up our dining room conversations," Suke says with a laugh. "But I kept coming back to it because I like it."

Suke's mother specializes in reconstructive

hand surgery, her sister is in residence in physical medicine and rehabilitation, completing her PhD, and her brother is a naturopath. To top it off, her husband Brian's father is a family physician.

Brian provides the balance, says Suke. A chef by trade, for now he is doing "full-time daddy day care" with daughter Anika, age two and a half. The Sukes are expecting their second child in April.

Veterinary medicine was her original goal from childhood, says Suke, but during high school, while volunteering with animals she also began volunteering with seniors.

"I discovered that much as I love animals, it's talking to the people that I like the best, and helping people, so in Grade 11 I went from veterinary medicine to human medicine."

See "Suke" on page 3

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Hats (and gloves) off to Canoe campaign

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

There are warm hands in the county despite the cold weather, thanks to the 6th annual Warm Hands for Christmas campaign that wrapped up earlier this month. Gail Stelter spearheaded the campaign on behalf of Canoe FM.

She said since the beginning of the campaign six years ago, they have received over 2,300 donations. This year, the campaign received 211 pairs of mittens, 49 hats, 11 scarves, five hat and mitten sets, and 23 pairs of socks. The donations were delivered to the Cardiff and

Wilberforce Elementary Schools, as well as Stuart Baker Elementary and Archie Stouffer in Minden. The food banks in Minden and Wilberforce, the 4Cs in Haliburton, and SIRCH Community Services also received donations.

"Canoe FM's Warm Hands for Christmas charity project demonstrates our commitment to outreach and provides a fun way for our listeners and volunteers to get involved and make a difference at Christmas," Stelter said. "It is meant to complement other community charity projects such as toy drives and food drives. We enjoy knowing that we are providing for children who come to school without mitts or hats, or for those who forget them or lose them."

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Photo by Lisa Harrison

Dr. Judy Suke in the office she shares with Dr. Robert Heyes at the Family Health Team's Haliburton medical centre.

Suke sees Haliburton a natural choice

Continued from page 1

Suke completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Guelph, studied medicine at the University of Ottawa and completed her residency through the Northern Ontario School of Medicine this year.

The new doctor grew up in Toronto but her mother is from North Bay, so Suke has spent much time there as well as summers in New Liskeard, and most of her summer jobs were outdoors. She says Brian is from a community of 500 and has "patiently waited" for her to finish school and her residency so they can settle in a small community.

"It actually started with my husband and I looking at a map of Ontario during med school and seeing things based on our interests, along with being parents and other factors, where we would want

to be. And we're big cross-country skiers and paddlers...so Haliburton was a natural choice of communities."

Suke contacted the FHT to set up a fourth-year elective in Haliburton.

"I came and realized not only did I like the size of the community and all it had to offer, but I loved the team, which was naturally a huge part of things."

Suke is eligible for the county's newest recruitment incentive funding. She says having such funding available is very helpful but "it definitely wasn't what brought me here." She has partially completed the application but is giving herself time to make sure this is a good fit. Meanwhile, Suke is enjoying getting to know her patients.

"The beauty of family medicine for me is that you're privileged to support people in the long term towards their goals and optimize their health."



Photo by Mark Arike

Friends of the Wilson family help sort through the remains of the garage.

Fire destroys home of Highlands family

By Mark Arike
Staff

There is little left of a home that was engulfed in flames on Dec. 19 in the Municipality of Highlands East.

"It was so far gone by the time we got here," said Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove.

A total of 20 firefighters from the municipality battled the blaze, which was called in at around 12:15 p.m., said Wingrove. One firefighter from the Municipality of Dysart et al stayed on the scene.

The home, which is located at 1895 Paynes Road, belongs to Mike and Jennifer Wilson and their four children. The family wasn't home at the time of the fire. No one was injured. The original building was known as the old Payne farmhouse, a structure with over 100 years of history.

According to Wingrove, the OPP closed Paynes Road for the majority of the day and EMS crews arrived on the scene.

On Dec. 21, two friends of the family

brought an excavator to the property to help Mike sort through the burnt rubble in the garage and remove a safe. Wingrove oversaw their removal work.

As of press time, the cause of the fire is unknown. However, Wingrove estimated that the damage exceeds \$500,000. He said two vehicles in the garage as well as propane helped accelerate the fire. The home was attached to the garage.

Wingrove has been in contact with the Ontario Fire Marshal and said he would be returning to the scene on Monday with the insurance company.

"I hope by the end of next week I'll have a definite idea of the cause," he said.

When news of the fire spread, members of the community stepped up to assist the family.

"I can't believe the response from the community," commented Wingrove.

A trust fund has been set up at CIBC, and donations are being accepted at The Pump Shop and Re/Max in Haliburton to support the family.

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Editorial opinion



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Minden on

"Keep calm and Minden, On."

Heather came into work a few weeks ago wearing a t-shirt with that saying across the chest. At first we all chuckled – Heather's nickname in college was 'Minden', which was the joke and why she bought the shirt in the first place – but when the laughter died down another meaning started sinking in.

Minden has become a verb, as in, to Minden: to persevere; to overcome; to triumph over adversity.

The flood of 2013 left Minden in a state of confusion and disarray, and yet, in the midst of the chaos, there was a calm determination. The community came together in its darkest hour, rallied behind neighbours, and worked around the clock to stay ahead of the water.

When initial efforts came up short and water flowed over and around sand bags, the pumps came out. When that wasn't enough, people were evacuated and precious belongings salvaged from flooded basements with the assistance of community volunteers.

Even when the flood was over and waters receded, it wasn't over for the people of Minden. Then there were insurance claims, repairs, and rebuilding. The community was told to take the lead on fundraising before the government would offer any assistance.

I was one who, at the time, said it was nearly impossible to raise that much money in such a small place. I should have known better because, of course, the people of Minden did it. What choice did they have? Once more they rallied, like they did that first night to fill sand bags, and did the impossible.

Then two weeks ago we learned fundraising efforts have hit \$708,000 for flood relief. The disaster relief committee has reviewed 97 per cent of resident claims

and 71 per cent of business claims, with \$395,000 already having been paid to claimants.

From the time the Gull rose over its banks, the people of Minden refused to give in, leaned on each other, and got the job done. The community has never represented itself so well. Definitely t-shirt worthy.

It shouldn't have come as a surprise to anyone, myself included. Though not always to the same scale, these are the stories that characterize the Highlands. We help each other.

Take last week for example, when a family of six was left homeless before Christmas after a fire burned their house to the ground. Within a day, a trust fund was set up at CIBC and local businesses were taking donations to care for that family through the holidays and to help them back on their feet.

We talk about it a lot, and yes, I write about it a lot. But it's important never to take our qualities here for granted. The Minden flood was the story of the year, and it represents everything that it means to be a Highlander.

The new year holds a lot of unknowns. There will be challenges that seem overwhelming, such as the fight against new OPP billing methods that threaten to cripple our municipalities, and whether the TSW people have learned any lessons from last year or if the spring thaw has another disaster in store.

I don't know what 2014 holds for us but if we stay calm, and if we Minden on, I know we'll find our way through.



By Matthew Desrosiers

The Outsider Little dwarves and pointy hats



By Will Jones

So, was Santa good to you and yours this year? Did he shower you with gifts? Did he drop by with no questions asked and the reindeer on autopilot or was he waiting with baited breath to see if your household was on best behaviour right down to the last?

The idea of Santa Claus being the all seeing Big Brother style looker-outer for bad behaviour is somewhat creepy in my mind. Little Z had some trouble getting to grips with how one guy can watch all of the kids all over the world all of the time, too. I won't say that he's freaked out by it but he is questioning the premise of Santa: and he's only four!

"Daddy is Santa really real or do you and mummy get my presents? Daddy how can Santa see me and Isla and Easton and Lilly and Ruby and (the list of his little friends went on) at the same time?"

I struggled to answer, not wanting to lie to my child but taking some solace in the fact that my parents and theirs before them had lied remorselessly to their children all in the name of the gigantic marketing scam for the toy industry that Christmas has become.

I opted for the most plausible explanation that I could come up with on the spur of the moment. I stayed away from the Orwellian idea that Santa, like some super spying government, is looking down on everyone all of the time and I went with the elves.

"It's Santa's helpers the elves that check out who's being good or bad," I said, shifting from one foot to the other and trying not to catch his enquiring eyes. "Santa deploys one elf to every house and the elf hides in the house watching the kids to make sure that they are being good."

As the lie unfolded I began to wish I'd stuck with the same old Santa story. I watched Little Z taking quick glances about him, before looking back at me.

"Where is our elf now, daddy?"
"Hmm, well, erm, he's probably taking a time out and having a rest because

you're being good," I ventured hoping that it would diffuse the situation.

"But when will he come back and where does he go when I'm asleep? And does he need to use the bathroom, and what happens when we go to other peoples' houses, does he sneak in the car, and..."

I lied through my teeth for at least 15 minutes straight that day and now I think my son has a phobia about being snooped upon by skinny dwarves with pointy green hats: dwarves who report his every move to some dastardly overlord who masquerades as a jolly round fellow in a big red suit.

But that was before Christmas and oh how I'm glad that the run-up to the big day is over.

Little Z is also glad because, as he triumphantly stated, neither Santa nor his watcher (that's what he took to calling the elf) spotted him being naughty. And my lovely wife is glad to see that I managed to keep up the charade without cracking under the constant bouts of questioning for this year at least. I did break down finally on Christmas Eve but it was OK because Little Z was in bed, there was a mince pie and a sherry laid out for Santa, straw and oats for the reindeers and a bowl of cheerios for the watcher. It was then that I caved and succumbed to a couple of glasses of the hard stuff.

Now, on Boxing Day, I realize that Santa (or his evil little elvish spies) brought me a thumping headache for Christmas; but that I can handle because Little Z is engrossed in his gifts and I'm off the hook.

All I have to do now, or maybe tomorrow, is start preparing my story for next year. My son is only going to get more inquisitive about the mysteries of Christmas and if I want to keep him from misbehaving for at least some of the rest of his childhood I need to come up with a far more convincing line about why Santa isn't a figment of the imagination.

Correction

In the Dec. 19 article "Minden reverses course on e-voting" (see The Highlander, issue 114, pg. 10) it stated that Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid put forward a motion to reconsider the motion presented to council by CAO Nancy Wright-Laking at a Dec. 12 council meeting. It also stated that Reid made a motion to adopt a paper ballot with an advanced poll and an election day poll. The article should have stated

that the motion to reconsider was moved by councillor Larry Clarke and seconded by councillor Ken Redpath. The motion to adopt Internet and telephone voting as well as a paper ballot on two days was moved by Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and seconded by councillor Brigitte Gall. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote. The Highlander regrets the error.

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A proposal for courtesy

Dear editor,

I have read of the takeover of the Haliburton Echo by those responsible for The Highlander. Given the consistently low quality of all aspects of that paper since its inception, and as a courtesy to Len Pizzey, Martha Perkins, and the many fine newspaper people who came before them, I sincerely encourage you to retire the Haliburton Echo name immediately.

Jack Bush
Haliburton

Overwhelmed by food bank kindness

Dear editor,

I'm so thankful to our food bank here in Haliburton. I have been trying to live on \$72 a month after my rent is paid and it's very difficult. Today I went to the food bank for my veggie bag I receive every month and had put my name down for Christmas. I received an envelope and found two grocery vouchers for \$65 each! One for Christmas and one for January. I went back in to see if a mistake had been made since there were two. They were both for me! I'm so overwhelmed by this kindness. To be able to go grocery shopping and fill my shelves with food... I just can't express my thanks enough. I hope everyone who helped make this possible the most wonderful Christmas! Your kindness makes me cry. Thank you so much.

Sheila McDonald
Haliburton

Sharon's good advice

Dear editor,

Thank you for the article in Dec. 19 issue "Not for everyone" by Sharon Lynch. Without putting it into words, Ms. Lynch gives good advice on how to not be lonely in widowhood; reach out to people and not wait for others to come to you. She writes in a homey, comfortable style that we can relate to. Please write some more, Sharon!

Merry Christmas to you all.

Susan Wicks/Rusk
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The morning after a snowfall.

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Next editions

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Keeping the county's bellies full

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

SIRCH Community Services volunteers will have made and delivered 6,000 meals to families across the county by the end of this fiscal year on April 1, 2014.

And it's not enough.

"We could double that number easily and all those meals would be gone," said Gena Robertson, SIRCH executive director. "Not just because they're free, but because there's a need."

In addition to the Haliburton and Minden community kitchen's 3,000 meals, SIRCH provides lunches and snacks to the mothers' support groups each week. Robertson said the organization spends \$80 to \$120 on those meals each week, for another 3,000 meals in a year.

That's 6,000 meals provided by SIRCH this year alone.

"We distribute through other partners, so we know Community Care has seniors who could use more food," Robertson said. "That we know. We know that our families could probably use more food at times. We know that the Minden Food Bank recipients could use more meals at times. It's those kinds of things. We know that the need is there."

It's hardest during the winter because people are out of work, they can't grow their gardens, [and] prices go up.

Gena Robertson
SIRCH
executive director

Not only do more people in the county need assistance, but this time of year is often the worst, she said.

"It's hardest during the winter because people are out of work, they can't grow their gardens, [and] prices go up."

There are tentative plans to open a community kitchen in Highlands East, but Robertson said it needs to be sustainable first, and having enough money to do it is the issue.

"We'd like to expand to the east part of the county and put a community kitchen out there," she said. "We know it's a hard-hit area. They could definitely use more help."

SIRCH's new project, Need a Hand, started in the spring and already has had 81 requests for service, 27 of which were subsidized. They have five regular clients who are supported on a weekly basis.

Robertson said the demand for Need a Hand rose consistently month after month since the program began. Although calls have dropped off in December, she said they estimate the program will be well-used in the new year, especially with the planned creation of geographic hubs.

The idea is to create worker hubs where a particular community receives aid from its local volunteers and workers.

"We want this to work," Robertson said. "We know that it's needed, we know that

it's important, and we want it to be viable. It has to pay for itself. This isn't funded by the government."

Need a Hand workers volunteer two hours each month, and then are paid a wage for any additional hours. Those clients who can afford to pay for the service, and the money is used to subsidize other clients who can't afford to pay.

The hubs will localize community support.

"It helps build capacity in each little community as opposed to it being centrally located," she said. "It makes more sense for us to connect people to the individuals in their own communities, to feel supported, to see they have somebody to call for [help]."

Although SIRCH continues to develop and administer its program, it's funding that continues to limit the organization's capacity. Donations through the Gifts from the Heart catalogue are used to overcome funding shortfalls and provide additional support to those who need it, Robertson said.

The organization's goal is to provide direct help as needed, but also to reignite a sense of community and the drive to help your neighbour.

"What SIRCH can do is act as the catalyst," she said. "Lots of people aren't comfortable reaching out anymore. They can come here and say what they really like to do, and people who have needs can come here and say 'this is what I need', and you start to do those connections."

"It's very much about community at a grassroots level."

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Highlander life

Pioneering the future

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Napier Simpson is carving out a piece of history on his Algonquin Highlands farm, cutting back into forest to reclaim what pioneers first cleared over 100 years ago.

That decision has been driven by his vision for his future, which in turn has given him a vision for the county's future.

Simpson and his wife, Nancy, recently received county permission to clear 12 acres, returning it to the pastureland cleared by the original owner, John Billing.

Billing was a master stonemason, perhaps best known for constructing the beautiful St. Peter's Anglican Church in Maple Lake in 1905. Simpson says when Billing received his official land grant of 100 acres of property, settlers were required to clear a certain number of acres to "improve" the land. Billing later acquired another 100 acres and improved that. The stonemason built his house and numerous outbuildings and walls using stone pulled from the typically stony county soil.

Simpson's family is only the second to own the property. His father, B. Napier Simpson, was a restoration architect with a strong affinity for heritage conservation. Among his creations are Black Creek Pioneer Village near Toronto and Century Village near Peterborough. After visiting a friend at his cottage for several years and falling in love with the nearby Billing property, Simpson Sr.

bought it in 1954 and restored it, installing electricity and clearing back the overgrowth on the road and the fields.

Simpson Sr. died in 1978, aged 53, and was buried at St. Peter's. A plaque at the site honours his devotion to raising public awareness of the importance of heritage conservation. He also passed that awareness to his son, who took over the property from the family in 1989.

"It was just a natural progression," says Simpson. "We have a real connection with the community. I've spent all my life up there... I love Haliburton, I love the area, I love our little piece of it."

The Simpsons plan to raise Highland cattle, a “very determined little lot” that originated in the severe climates of Scotland’s Highlands and west coast islands and were first imported to Canada in the 1880s.

The plan is to “recreate this little bit of history that has been lost... actually everywhere in Haliburton,” says Simpson. “The trees of course in southern Ontario are the rarity. In northern Ontario, fields are the rarity, and those open spaces are kind of nice as a contrast to the trees and bush and swamp.”

“We’re headed to create a little bit of personality up at the house again and have some character by restoring these fields and somewhat honouring the pioneer days.”

Coincidentally, the Simpsons developed a forestry management plan two years ago with

a forestry consultant who had worked for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

“It essentially lays out... for the next 10 years what you should do, what you shouldn’t do.”

Simpson will retire in a few years and looks forward to adding more farming practices, perhaps building a greenhouse to capture the winter sun for an early start on produce. He has already read many books about farming and is enthusiastic about topics such as animal relationships that can be tapped to streamline and improve practices and results.

He foresees living in part off the produce of his land and looks ahead to food production as a way in which the county can augment tourism as a source of income and sustainability.

“Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills are real pockets of farming trying to carry on,” says Simpson, adding that although many of the farmers are older now, there are groups such as Abbey Gardens becoming involved. The idea of a farmers’ market in Carnarvon might have been “laughable” 20 years ago but it does well with local produce including honey and lamb. Simpson suggests that there is yet an opportunity for local farming to develop and not only supply cottagers, but also ship to the city.

"Haliburton will never be a major bread basket but it sure can be a lot more in farming and I think we need to recognize that we are in an area where farming should be respected."

Kittens seek homes

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Four cats have beaten the odds and are looking for homes this holiday season.

Last summer, staff at Apsley Veterinary Services returned from lunch to find a box dumped by the back door of the clinic. Inside was found a male cat, who they later named Raj, with four kittens. Staff suspected Raj to be the father of the kittens.

According to veterinarian Dr. Kim Facey, the cats were in very bad shape.

“[They] were emaciated [and] loaded with fleas and worms,” she said. “We got them healthy and neutered and vaccinated them.”

Known as 'Kitty Bang Theory', staff named all the cats after characters in popular television sitcom The Big Bang Theory. The female is Penny, and her brothers are Leonard, Howard, and Sheldon. Facey said the kittens were likely born in May, and Raj is about a year old.

Penny has since been adopted, but Raj and the other three male kittens remain at the clinic. Facey said they are actively looking for homes for the cats, having put them up on the clinic's Facebook page and in local newspapers.

The cats are free to a good home with a veterinary reference. The clinic will also accept donations to its spay and neuter fund.

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Highlander news

Gentle power: a day of

By Mark Arike
Staff

My morning got off to an early start – with a shovel in one hand and a bucket in the other.

“So you want to be a dog sled guide?” Elke Schleifenbaum asked me. “Now you’re part of the team.”

Ah, so this is why I had to wear clothes that I didn’t mind getting smelly or dirty.

From that very moment on, I had a feeling I was in store for a host of other surprises and thrills at the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, I signed up to get a taste of what it’s like to be a part of this hardworking team. My full-day experience began at 8 a.m. when the temperature was at a balmy minus 24 degrees Celsius. To

arrive on time, this meant a 6:30 a.m. wake-up call – and that in itself is a considerable challenge for this Highlander.

But with a tall double double in my travel mug, I set out for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

Located approximately 30 kilometres from Haliburton, the Haliburton Forest is home to 80,000 acres of land, more than 50 lakes and hundreds of wetlands. It offers a wide selection of year-round activities and educational programs for those of all ages and interests.

So of all the things to do, why did I choose dog sledding? First off, I’ve always been a thrill-seeker. An adrenaline junky like me anticipates the unknown, especially when it involves speed and the outdoors. And although I’ve never owned a husky, I find myself drawn to their

friendly and gentle temperament, as well as their pure, unadulterated power.

When I showed up to the kennels at the Haliburton Forest, I was greeted by 150 Siberian huskies – all of whom had their own names. The females were separated from the males to prevent unwanted breeding.

After entering their domain and being surround by dozens of males ranging in age from five months to a few years old, it was time to get down to business. Picking up dog scat isn’t the most glamorous job in the world, but as Elke points out, caring for these incredible creatures is just as important as training them. It is, after all, a year-round job.

Although the odd scrap broke out with a couple of dogs, at no point did I feel threatened by their presence. Staff managed to quickly break up a dispute by raising their voices and running towards the dogs with their collection bucket in hand. Elke informed me that the dogs aren’t physically harmed by staff; if someone is caught breaking the rules they will be disciplined.

It’s necessary to pick up after the dogs before they have a chance to consume their feces. This is an unhealthy habit, and one that is, well, quite disgusting. Every so often we came across blood spots in the animals’ feces. These are separated from the rest of the pile and later examined for parasites.

Many know Elke as the wife of Peter Schleifenbaum, owner and manager of the Haliburton Forest, but she more than carries her own weight. Elke has many duties and responsibilities at this four-season destination, one of which is overseeing the dog sledding operation. The team working with her consists of about a dozen dog sled guides.

Throughout the day, I witnessed several members of this team in action. I met them as we prepared to head out on a 16-kilometre training run along Dog’s Ear Trail. They did everything, from putting the dogs in their harnesses to getting them hooked up to the sled lines.

While they did the important work, I received an introductory lesson courtesy of Elke. Up until this point, I assumed I would be riding in a seated position in the basket. Well, I learned that a stand-up, double sled would offer a more controlled, enjoyable experience for a beginner like me.

Following this very thorough overview, it was time for the moment I had been waiting for. I was told to stand at the front of the sled, while dog sled guide Cameron Ferguson joined me at the back. With the dogs chomping at the bit, eager to go, I firmly gripped the handle in front of me and placed my entire body weight on the brake.

The moment I was instructed to lift one foot off the brake and place it on a runner, we were off.

It felt as if the eight huskies had been waiting a lifetime to release their boundless energy on the snow-covered trail. This burst out of the gate had me second-guessing my decision to suit up for a ride. But just as soon as my heart rate began to increase, the team slowed down to a cruising speed of about 20 kilometres per hour. At every uphill climb, our travelling speed was cut in half if not more. Oftentimes the musher assists the dogs by sweeping one foot along the snow and reducing the amount of weight on the sled.

Although he shouted commands to the team and handled a majority of the breaking, I did help negotiate some of the turns by leaning to the right or left. I also focused my energy on dodging the odd tree branch and keeping my face free of frozen nasal mucus (remember, this was one of the coldest days to date!).

By the end of the one-hour ride, I was comfortable with the entire experience. I overcame my fear of falling and the possibility of careening into a tree. The dogs listened to their guide and stayed on course.

Their commitment to getting us from point A to B safely was evident.

Later that afternoon, I went out for a second ride – this time joining a couple from Aurora for an eight kilometre introductory tour.

“This was our first time,” said Klajdi Kondi, still beaming from the experience.

“I really enjoyed it,” said Kondi’s wife Tammy Allen. “It was different than what I thought it was going to be, but it was a really pleasurable experience.”

Allen and Kondi found out about the dog sledding opportunity through a Google search. It was their first time at the Haliburton Forest.

Cameron asked the visitors if they were interested in meeting the dogs, and the answer was a resounding yes.

“They’re beautiful dogs,” commented Allen.

So what does it take to be a great dog sled guide?

Cameron is the longest-serving member with six years behind him.

In his opinion, patience is a virtue.

“You have to be patient when working with that many dogs,” said Cameron. “You’ve also got to be patient with the clients.”


Being able to brave the elements and communicate effectively are two other important factors, he added.

“It’s certainly a fast-paced environment. That’s quite the key.”

For more information or to make a reservation call 705-754-2198.

You have to be patient when working with that many dogs.

Cameron Ferguson
Dog sled guide



NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
Application RZ 13-11, Part of Lot 29, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon
By-law – 13-56

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 13-56 on the 12th day of December, 2013 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. By-law No. 13-56 amends Schedule “16” of Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the lands from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Residential Exception Nine (RR-9) Zone to zone the property appropriately for its use, to recognize a non-complying structure, and to restrict development adjacent to a wetland. This By-law will conform to the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

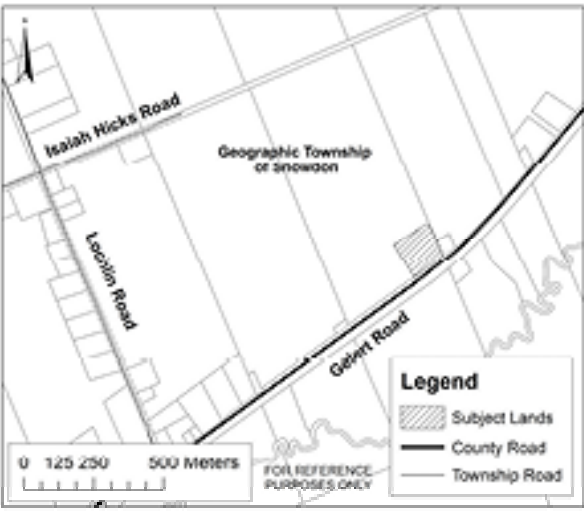
AND TAKE NOTICE that the property subject to Application RZ 13-11 is also the subject of Application for Consent H-026/2013.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 15th day of January, 2014, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 26th day of December, 2013.
 Adam King, M.R.M.
 Planning Administrator

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council, or in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Rezoning Application RZ 13-11



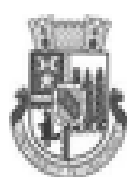
Highlander news

thrills as a dog sled guide



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Two Siberian huskies eagerly await their turn to go out for dog sled run. Above: Neil Emery puts harnesses on dogs.



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Highlander arts

Following the Group of Seven

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Imagine it's 45 degrees below zero, snowing and windy. You're an artist trying to sketch a scene along the Oxtongue River near Algonquin Park and survive the experience.

Now picture doing that 100 years ago and you have some idea of what Tom Thomson and various Group of Seven artists experienced when creating dozens of works around Oxtongue Lake and across Haliburton County.

Retired CBC photojournalist and documentary producer Bob Hilscher has

worked solo all over the world, including the Arctic, and yet: "I've been in 45-below [zero] weather trying to figure out to keep modern camera batteries still working and I can't imagine going out...with a pencil and piece of paper and trying to get [the picture]."

Hilscher is originally from British Columbia, but his parents purchased and moved to Lakewoods Resort in Oxtongue Lake in the 1970s. It was there he eventually met and married Jean Bowen of the Bowen logging family.

"This whole area is in our blood," says Hilscher.

But it was only three years ago that he learned several Group of Seven artists and Thomson had developed ties to the area long before. Reading a small advertisement about an A.J. Casson painting for sale, he was "shocked" to learn the work had been done at Oxtongue Lake, and later even more shocked to learn about area works by the other artists.

The more he searched, the more he found. So began a labour of love on a documentary filmed in high definition that Hilscher expects will be complete this time next year.

Thomson and the Group of Seven essentially introduced Canadian landscapes to the art world. Some of their most famous works, including A.Y. Jackson's The Red Maple and Tom Thomson's Northern River,

were painted in the Oxtongue Lake region. According to Hilscher, artists have been drawn for years by the quality of light and mood that can only be found in this county.

A.J. Casson, a later member of the Group, often stayed at the Blue Spruce Resort in Oxtongue Lake. Joan and Jack Hayden owned the resort, and Joan is one of the contributors to the documentary. Local artist Janine Marsden is another. Hilscher says Casson painted on her father's property and after observing Casson at work Marsden never looked back. Author, artist and curator Joan Murray, who has written more than 20 books on Canadian art and is a leading

expert on Thomson and the Group of Seven, was also interviewed.

The documentary production has been funded by Hilscher and he says he plans to give the Oxtongue Lake Arts Group the books and other research materials he has gathered once they can be properly preserved. In his research and his quest to secure the rights to film the various works, Hilscher has been in contact with numerous

public and private galleries nationally and has already received requests for screenings of the film.

Hilscher says his prime reason for creating the documentary is to encourage people, particularly young people, to get outdoors. He and Jean and their three children have been active all their lives, and he's watching younger generations become increasingly inactive and unhealthy while use of parks and green spaces declines.

One way to get active is to experience this area as these artists did.

"Joan [Murray] will tell you," says Hilscher. "[She says] 'I've spent time...on Canoe Lake. I know what it smells like. I know what it looks like. I know what it's like when it rains and I know everything that's captured in the work. I've experienced it. I know what it feels like.'"

"It's still there," says Hilscher. "Will it be like that 100 years from today?"



Photo submitted by Bob Hilscher
Photojournalist and documentary producer Bob Hilscher and his wife Jean.



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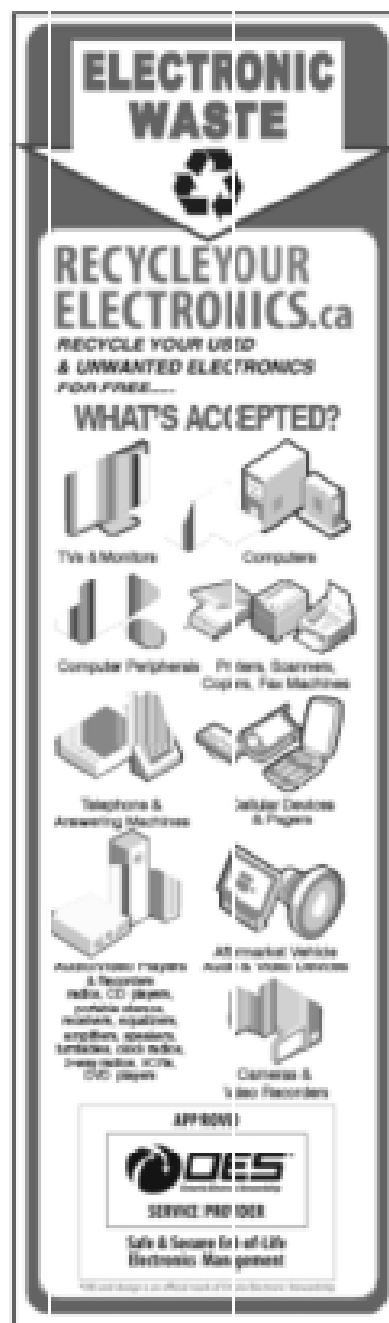
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Want to know more about habitat regulations or the Endangered Species Act?

Information on the regulations is available on the Environmental Registry of the Environmental Bill of Rights website at ebsrta.mefor.ca/Registery/#011-9021 and on the Species at Risk website at ebsrta.mefor.ca/speciesatrisk.

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Application RZ 13-09, Part of Lot 1,
Concession 4, geographic Township of Anson
By-law – 13-55

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 13-55 on the 12th day of December, 2013 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. By-law No. 13-55 amends Schedule "10" of Zoning By-law 08-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the lands from the Rural (RU) and Rural Residential (RR) Zone to the Rural Exception Twenty-One (RU-21) Zone to recognize the subject property's deficient frontage, and to restrict development adjacent to an Authorized Aggregate Site. This By-law will conform to the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

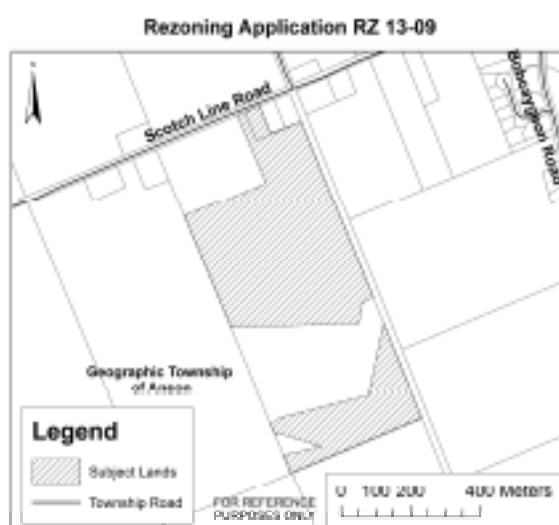
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DATED at the Township of Minden this 26th day of December, 2013.

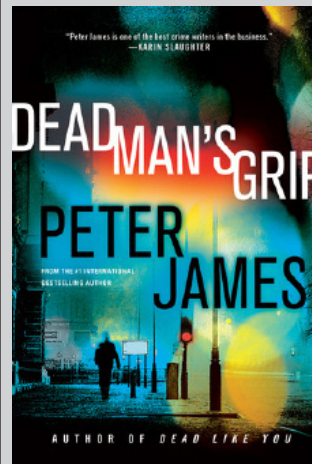
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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *Dead Man's Grip* by Peter James
2. *The Longest Ride* by Nicholas Sparks
3. *Revenge* by Marina Cole

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *The Second Chance Dog: a love story* by Jon Katz
2. *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan
3. *Along the Shore: rediscovering Toronto's waterfront heritage* by M. Jane Fairburn

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

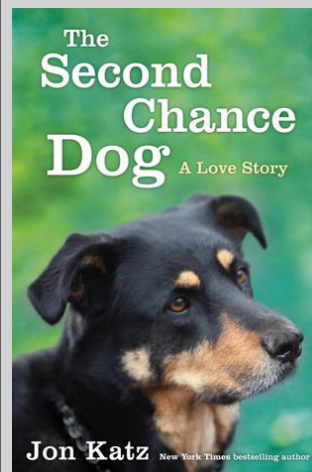
1. *Fragments* by Dan Wells (YA)
2. *Freaking Out: real-life stories about anxiety* by Polly Wells (YA)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Turbo* (DVD)
2. *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham (Book on CD)

Library News

Looking for some reading for over the holidays? Perhaps a fun DVD for the family to enjoy? The Haliburton County Public Library (with the exception of the Administrative Centre and Dorset Branch) is open from Dec. 27 to 30. Happy Holidays from all of us at the Haliburton County Public Library!



NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Application RZ 13-02, By-law – 13-65

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 13-65 on the 12th day of December, 2013 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. By-law No. 13-65 amends Section 4.9 of the Township's current Zoning By-law, which prohibits new development on private roads unless the lands are located in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone. The purpose of By-law 13-65 is to amend Section 4.9 so that existing vacant lots in non-Shoreline Residential Zones are entitled to a building permit provided such lots have frontage on an existing, confirmed private road identified in the Township's Official Plan (OPA 9). On this basis, the amendment is accompanied with a map identifying the location of existing private roads, seasonally maintained roads and un-assumed roads in the Township. This By-law will conform to the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

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Planning Administrator

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The proposed amendment applies to the entire Township and therefore a key map has not been appended to this notice. However, the proposed zoning by-law amendment and the related Schedule (map) identifying the location of private roads is available for review at the Township office.

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Highlander arts

What's Up Writers find their voice: sort of

The first edition of 'The New Voice' came out this week. It's the bi-monthly (six times a year) magazine which features diverse works by writers from within Haliburton County and outside our borders.

For years artists have had studio tours, galleries and restaurants as means by which to exhibit their wares, while our writers, working in virtual anonymity, have had nothing similar. Now people can read our short stories, poems, and memoirs and realize that the writing community is every bit as rich as the arts community.

Yes, I know that ostensibly writers are a part of the arts community, but they have in fact never really felt part of it and have certainly never attained the equivalent profile or received anywhere near the funding the other arts have received.

Yet everybody in the county reads, even those people who are constantly glued to their electronic palm devices. In fact it would come as no surprise to discover that more people access our libraries than go to see art. If such is indeed the case then 'The New Voice' is not only long overdue but also, suddenly, a vital part of the overall arts scene.

The magazine came about through an idea put forward by yours truly at a meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network (HHWEN), an organization looking to increase its own profile and that of its members, mostly writers. The idea was looked upon favourably and a committee was subsequently formed. Then a business plan was developed around a magazine-style publication that would give our writers the voice they were previously lacking.

A successful grant application to the Ontario Arts Council through the Haliburton County Community Co-operative, and a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation set the train in motion. While the committee was looking into sustainability 'The New Voice' production team was busy working, and after six long months the first issue is finally out.

The magazine is not yet a 'glossy,' nevertheless it's printed on decent stock which has proved a good choice not only for text but also for artwork and photography.

The magazine cover features computer-generated artwork with brightly coloured letters of the alphabet, in fonts of various sizes, floating in a blue void. It's vaguely reminiscent of the old Olivetti advertising

campaigns. Black letters, strategically placed among the coloured ones spell out 'The New Voice'. It's a very effective cover for the first issue and comes courtesy of Hilda Grunwald, a graphics expert, author, and new HHWEN member.

Inside there is an introductory piece from the editorial committee which outlines the publication's aims, and with a flip of the page you're into the first writer's offering, a delightful piece from Donna Gagnon who writes about her early childhood remembrances. Poems from Doug Pugh, John Unrau, and Lea Harper nicely fill out a poetry section and there are short stories from Jack Brezina, Neil Campbell and Kathleen Millard. They are all local writers.

There is a 'Feature' short story section which is to be given in each issue to an established author. The inaugural Feature is called 'Bye and Bye' written by Robert Rotenberg, a well-known writer and Haliburton cottager who wrote his piece specifically for the magazine. The story is about a wounded soldier somewhere in the Middle East (the exact location is never specified) who was told by his superior that help would be coming bye and bye. As the abandoned soldier drifts in and out of consciousness he relives his life through flashbacks until that fateful coming of what he thinks are his rescuers. The ending is a total surprise and the writing is succinctly exquisite.

The first edition of 'The New Voice' is 80 pages long, and the advertising is nicely distributed so as not to interfere with the flow of words and accompanying images; but of course there is room for improvement. However if, as I predict, the magazine is successful, I have no doubt that future issues will be larger.

For now contributing writers are being paid a small fee with hopes of an increase depending on sales. The price for the magazine has been set at \$4.50 which I feel is reasonable. A yearly subscription will cost \$25. Ugh! A foul-smelling lick to my cheek has just woken me from a deep slumber. The lick was delivered by our Jack Russell terrier. Slowly and groggily I come awake to the realization that 'The New Voice' was only a dream. But hey, it's not a bad idea, and if I can change my New Year's resolution to a wish, I wish for the dream to become reality.



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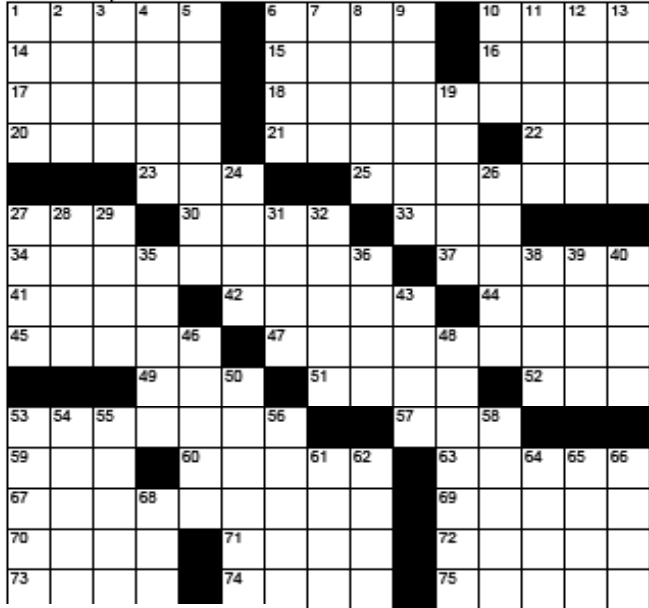


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- ACROSS**

 - 1. Gorge
 - 6. Fling
 - 10. Military supplies
 - 14. Greeting word
 - 15. India's locale
 - 16. Chicken's home
 - 17. Fiery felony
 - 18. Provisional
 - 20. Bird's perch
 - 21. Snaky shapes
 - 22. Misdeed
 - 23. Deli meat
 - 25. Manors
 - 27. Broom's kin
 - 30. Ark skipper
 - 33. Actor ____ Danson
 - 34. Partnerships
 - 37. Lassoed
 - 41. Hollow stalk
 - 42. Amphitheater
 - 44. Raise
 - 45. Australian "bear"
 - 47. Get rid of
 - 49. Finish
 - 51. Recipe verb
 - 52. Compass pt.
 - 53. Naps
 - 57. Roberto's "two"
 - 59. Furthermore
 - 60. Likeness
 - 63. Nautical
 - 67. Pointed out
 - 69. Silly
 - 70. Rocker ____ Young
 - 71. Warble
 - 72. Robins' homes
 - 73. "Star ____"
 - 74. Leg part
 - 75. Welcome
- DOWN**

 - 1. Burn slightly
 - 2. Champion
 - 3. Plus
 - 4. Splash
 - 5. Idaho's neighbor
 - 6. Dislike strongly
 - 7. Takes advantage of
 - 8. Remove soap
 - 9. Most recent
 - 10. Deed
 - 11. Slightly wet
 - 12. "The Matrix", e.g.
 - 13. Unwraps
 - 19. Daisy's kin
 - 24. Da Vinci's "____ Lisa"
 - 26. Embellish
 - 27. Grade
 - 28. Margarine
 - 29. Petition
 - 31. Farm unit
 - 32. Feet parts
 - 35. Loiters
 - 36. Fit of anger
 - 38. Pod dwellers
 - 39. Snacks
 - 40. Doodled
 - 43. Among
 - 46. Caper
 - 48. Laundry day chore
 - 50. Heavy linen
 - 53. Holy person
 - 54. Not outer
 - 55. Comedian ____ Murphy
 - 56. Glossy fabric
 - 58. More rational
 - 61. Dancer ____ Kelly
 - 62. Cliff's brink
 - 64. Urn
 - 65. Poker word
 - 66. For fear that
 - 68. Kind

Last week's puzzle solutions															
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DECEMBER 2013 & JANUARY 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Stanhope Outdoor Ice Rink - Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall - Open until Feb. 28</p> <p>Dorset Outdoor Ice Rink - Dorset Ice Palace - Open until Feb. 28</p> <p>Mother Goose - Haliburton O.E.Y.C. Halco Plaza, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Create your own bird feeder - Haliburton Library, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.</p> <p>Public Skating - A.J. LaRue Arena - Haliburton, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Club 35 Bid Euchure - Club 35, Algonquin Highlands, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Family Tobogganing Day - Glebe Park, Haliburton, 12 p.m - 4 p.m.</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Contemporary music service - Haliburton United Church, 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>Stick and Puck - A.J. LaRue Arena Haliburton, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.</p> <p>Public Skating - S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden, 12 p.m. - 2p.m.</p> <p>29</p>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Club 35 Bid Euchure - Club 35, Algonquin Highlands, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Township of Minden Hills Family New Year's Fun - S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>31</p>	<p>New Year's Day</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Become a member of the Highlands Festival Singers. Tuesday, January 7th at 7:30 pm, Haliburton United Church. Open to singers of all ages and abilities. For more information contact HighlandsFestivalSingers@gmail.com.</p>
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>3</p>	<p>Gord Kidd - Haliburton Legion, 705-457-2571 for details.</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Country Music Jamboree - S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 1-5 p.m.</p> <p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION DECEMBER 26 TH - JANUARY 1 ST			
<p>Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary meeting, last Thursday of month, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30 p.m. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!</p>	<p>Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, Monday to Friday, 12-2 p.m. Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime Ladies Darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. NFL Sports Day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.</p>	<p>Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Wednesday - Closed</p>	

FUN FACT:
The dot over the letter "i" is called a tittle.

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Above: Six-month-old Phillip Doyle was one of the only children in town who was brave enough to get this close to Santa Claus. Top right: Rozanne Hynard showed pure exhilaration when she saw Santa outside of the Minden Post Office. Below: Santa and his team (from left: Reeve Barb Reid, Councillor Lisa Schell, and Councillor Larry Clark), took a break from spreading joy to get a group shot on Main Street.



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Santa's last-minute visit

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Santa Claus surprised storeowners and local shoppers throughout downtown Minden on Dec. 20 when he made a last-minute stop to the area before preparing for Christmas Eve. Those who encountered Santa during their Friday afternoon shifts or errands were delighted. Some honked as they drove by and most, like Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, wanted a hug. Rozanne Hynard met him on her way out of the post office and happily embraced the jolly man. "It came from my heart because of course I recognized Santa," she said. A team from the municipality assisted Santa as he trudged his way through inches of fresh snow. Councillors Larry Clark and Lisa Schell, and Reeve Barb Reid, were by his side to hand out candy canes and take photos for fans of Old Saint Nick.



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